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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Dale Tahtinen, Chairman DT
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SUBJECT: Report of the Chairman, COCOM Computer Drafting Group


At the request of the United States Delegation to COCOM, and all other delegations, on October 5, the Chairman of the COCOM Computer Drafting Group produced a report setting out the strengths and weaknesses of the October agreements. His comments were, in all practical terms, cleared by our delegation before being given to COCOM for committee review.

As you know, the regular Committee has been tasked by the Drafting Committee to seek ways to improve any weaknesses in the agreements. To accomplish that, the Switching TTG has requested a tasker from EDAC to begin seeking solutions. They have also requested authority to begin drafting briefing documents for U.S. and non-COCOM industry.


Because of our October commitment, I have decided to task both TTG-D and the Interagency Computer Working Group to prepare briefings for U.S. and non-COCOM industry (i.e., L.M. Ericssen) on the October switching, hardware and software agreements. In addition, I wish each group to prepare suggestions on how to resolve any problems raised by the Chairman's report. These reports should be presented to the Sub-EDAC for our review no later than January 15. At that time we should decide on the options presented by the two interagency groups, as well as on implementation procedures, (i.e., briefing procedures and delegations). Briefings for industry should probably take place starting in early February.

Finally, unless you object, since the U.S. Delegation cleared the Chairman's report in October, I plan to ask John Spillane to issue an U.S. approval of the report at the next meeting of COCOM, with a statement that we might make def series proposals in late February or early March.

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